

Management Alternatives to Be Discussed at Next Public Meetings

The major topic of discussion at the next public meetings on **Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stephenson Town Hall, W11280 CTH X, Crivitz** and on **Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary at 1660 East Shore Drive in Green Bay**, will be the recently developed Preliminary Management Alternatives for Governor Thompson State Park. Over the last few weeks, members of the Master Planning Team have been investigating various potential management strategies to be incorporated on Governor Thompson State Park. These strategies include vegetative management alternatives, recreation (development) alternatives, and boundary alternatives. They provide options for forestry, recreation, and wildlife management and development and aim to combine expert opinion with your public input. As always, a property can't be "all-things-to-all-people." The potential alternative plans are contained on pages two and three of this newsletter. You are encouraged to study and then comment on these alternatives during the upcoming public meetings. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you may send comments via letters or email. Contact: Dan Rogers DNR Northeast Region Landscape Architect, PO BOX 10448 1125 N Military Av. Green Bay WI 54307-0448. Phone (920) 492-5839 Fax (920) 492-5913 or e-mail at daniel.rogers@dnr.state.wi.us.

Then What?

We will compile and analyze the information gathered from the public meetings, letters, e-mails and phone calls, and make a second draft of the Preliminary Management Alternatives. At each major decision-making step in the planning process our Basin Partnership Team is consulted for a reality check and the master plan Guidance Team is informed of our progress. While all this is going on we will also be working ahead on addressing some of the issues that will undoubtedly arise. Once we know the general direction the park will take, as shown by the revised Management Alternatives, we can start to devise a list of Objectives. The Objectives are the actions needed to eventually make something happen. They will describe in more detail the quantity, size and location of the components that will comprise the park. Once those tasks are accomplished we will be a lot closer to the master planning finish line. An actual rough draft of the whole master plan document will begin to take shape. Governor Thompson State Park

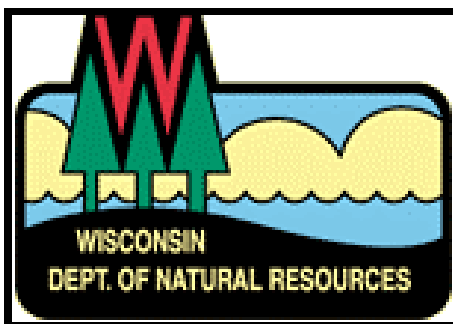
A Greeting from the Park Manager

Although I'd prefer to meet each of you personally, I'll start with introducing myself through this newsletter. My name is Marcia Peeters and I've been "borrowed" from Peninsula State Park in Door County and temporarily reassigned as the property supervisor to Governor Thompson State Park. I look forward to becoming a business member and general neighbor of the local communities; the support and friendliness I have experienced already has been very impressive. I and my supervisors are dedicated to carrying out the directives established by the citizens of Wisconsin through the master-planning process, but we continue to seek your opinions and ideas. Locally, I'm here to keep the process on track, to listen to your concerns and bring them to the attention of the experts and managers who are working diligently in the deliberations necessary to properly and conscientiously develop Governor Thompson State Park.

I began my career with DNR-Bureau of Parks and Recreation in 1981 and have worked at and gained extensive experience at numerous properties throughout the state as clerical support, park management trainee, natural resources law enforcement officer, park manager, assistant manager, recreational specialist, and miscellaneous positions including assignments in land reclamation. I'm quite excited to take on another challenging assignment and to use and further enhance my skills and abilities. There are many property managers and topic experts to advise us (you and me). Basically, we just need to simply get the job done. I need and will seek your input and ideas.

I am usually in the park office or on property five days per week. Please phone ahead if you want to meet me or discuss the progress of the property. The office number is **715-757-3979**. If I'm not available, leave a message and I will get back to you.

My husband Paul, a DNR fisheries manager, and my home are both in Sturgeon Bay; we have two adult children and a couple lazy, spoiled dogs.



Don't Forget! We are also on the WEB! For current information and newsletters regarding Gov. Thompson State Park, the Peshtigo River State Forest, other DNR Master Plans being written, and the latest DNR headlines please visit: www.dnr.state/master_planning.